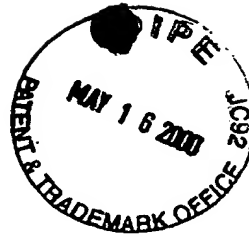


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At page 24, line 13, please replace "As described herein above, a" with --A--.


REMARKS

Claims 12-25 are now pending in this application. Claims 2-11 were cancelled upon the filing of the present application. Claim 1 has been cancelled by the present Preliminary Amendment. Claims 12-25 have been added. The specification has been amended to correct grammar, spelling and useage and to conform the specification to the drawings. It is respectfully submitted that the newly added claims are supported by the specification, claims, abstract of the disclosure and the drawings as originally filed, and that no new matter has been added.

The Examiner's early examination of the present application is respectfully requested.

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